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Profile



Matt Wade is a Lubbock native and began his legal career in 1995 by joining the law firm of Olson & Olson in Houston, Texas as an associate. While an associate at Olson & Olson, Matt primarily focused on municipal law, representing a number of cities in the Houston area. In 1997, Matt returned to his home town of Lubbock, accepting a position of assistant city attorney with the City of Lubbock. Except for a short time as an assistant district attorney with the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's office, Matt's legal career has centered on representing municipalities and other governmental entities both as in-house and outside legal counsel.

Matt has represented and advised governmental entities in everything from eminent domain matters, civil rights litigation, drafting ordinances, utility matters and on open records and open meetings matters. In 2004, after the City of Lubbock's Charter was amended, Matt was hired as the general counsel for the City of Lubbock's municipally owned electric utility, Lubbock Power & Light representing LP&L in all legal matters affecting the municipal utility. Matt held this position until he left in 2013 when he re-entered private law practice.

Matt is a former president of the Lubbock County Young Lawyers Association and currently serves as a director with the Lubbock Area Bar Association.

Practice Areas

- Business and Corporate
- Litigation
- Municipal

Bar/Court Admissions

- [State Bar of Texas](#), 1995
- [U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit](#)
- U.S. District Court, [Northern](#) and [Southern](#) Districts of Texas

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Education

- [Texas Tech University School of Law](#)
 - J.D., 1995
- [Texas A&M University](#)
 - B.A., 1992

Affiliations

- [Texas City Attorneys Association](#)
- [Texas Bar Foundation](#), Fellow
- [Texas Aggie Bar Foundation](#)
- Executive Board for the [South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America](#)
- [Lubbock Area Bar Association](#), Secretary
- South Plains Council of Boy Scouts, 2017 President

Publications

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- “So you want to Demolish that Substandard Building?” – Underwood Law Firm Municipal Law Seminar, Lubbock, Texas, May 20, 2015
- “Legislative Updates: New Texas Law affecting Municipalities”- Underwood Law Firm Municipal Law Seminar, Lubbock, Texas, May 20, 2015
- “City Council Governance Training”, Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Lubbock, Texas, June 15, 2016
- “New Light from Multiple Sources- NLRB, U.S. Supreme Court, Texas Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals”- Underwood Law Firm Employment Law Seminar, Lubbock, Texas, September 15, 2016
- “Annexation- What are the Options?”- Underwood Law Firm Municipal Law Seminar, Lubbock, Texas, April 7, 2017
- “Zoning-Lessons Learned”- Underwood Law Firm Municipal Law Seminar, Lubbock, Texas, April 7, 2017